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Utility Patent Application Transmittal

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket Number	GU 92CON
First Named Inventor	Lawrence W. Hu et al.
Title	A Surgical Retractor Platform Blade Apparatus
Express Mail Label No.	EL 923483748 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification
(preferred arrangement set forth below) Total Pages

68

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claims(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets

34

5. Oath or Declaration Total Pages

2

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. Application Data Sheet, See 37 CFR 1.76

ADDRESS TO:Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, DC 20231

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-Rom or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
- 10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
- 11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
- 13. Preliminary Amendment
- 14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(should be specifically itemized)
- 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- 16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent
- 17. Other: _____

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/305,811

Prior Application Information: Examiner Hirsch, P.

Group Art Unit: 3732

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

Fee Calculation**CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	# Filed	# Allowed	# Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	19	20	0	x	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	2	3	0	x	\$0.00

Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) **TOTAL CLAIM FEES** \$710.00**BASIC FILING FEE**OTHER FEE (specify purpose) _____ **TOTAL** \$710.00

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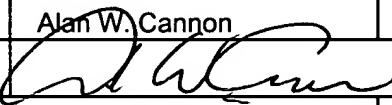
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